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REPORT

TOPIC Doeberitz Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Richthofen Kaserne.

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Between 3 May and 2 June 1955, there was apparently no change in connection with the units previously stationed in the installation. Training consisted of instruction, manual training, basic training and athletics. The new unit which had arrived at the installation on 30 March was reinforced by about 15 officers wearing light-blue epauletts and insignia representing a wing and a propeller vertical to it who arrived on 10 May and by about 25 air force officers apparently not pilots who arrived on 26 May. The commanding officer of the unit whose name and rank is still unknown, was often seen proceeding to the NSKK Kaserne. As was reported previously, he used sedan [redacted] As previously, the new unit was daily seen marching toward the airfields in small groups. The personnel included about 30 soldiers, most of them officers, in flying suits.

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2. NSKK Kaserne

The new unit numbering about 250 personnel has been stationed at the installation since about 30 March 1955. The personnel marched daily to the field in a similar way as that from Richthofen Kaserne. It was believed that the personnel of both barracks installations belonged to the same unit and that they have a total strength of about 540 personnel.

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4. Doeberitz Airfield

There was only light air activity during the reported period. Il-10s practised take-offs and landings and circled wide over the field. Three to 4 aircraft were aloft at the same time. On 25 or 26 May, one of the aircraft crashed near Markoe near Nauen for undetermined reasons. Both members of the crew were killed. ² Five Po-2s made individual flights and flights in formations of three. In addition to the diving practices by formations of 3 or 4 Il-10s observed some time ago, dives were made at an angle of about 45 degrees without changing the direction of approach and subsequently zooming up again at the same angle. ³

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The number of IL-10s stationed at the field was estimated at 50.

Five aircraft with a jet engine in the fuselage and high elevator assembly, presumably MIG-15s, and 2 considerably larger aircraft with 2 jet engines under the wings, considerably long nose, high rudder assembly, and elevator assembly mounted rather low were parked west of hangar No 4b. 5

On 18 May, 8 small searchlights mounted on trucks were seen in earth holes both on the eastern and western sides of the field. Motor vehicles were observed on a radio truck which had a small four-cornered frame aerial on its roof. The radio truck presumably belonged to the now unit in Richthofen Kasorne.

A sizeable number of regular tank trucks, including some with trailers, were parked in the building west of hangar No 4b.

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Comment. The occupation of Richthofen and NSKK Kasorne has not changed. the personnel quartered in the two barracks installation since May 1955 belong to the same unit, is believed to be correct. These units belong to the ground attacking unit which transferred from Muensterberg-Brieg to Richthofen in late March 1955.
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Comment. During the period under review, initial training on IL-10s was conducted at Richthofen airfield.
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Comment. Diving in formation without changing the course is usual. Individual dives are usually connected with a change of course.
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